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though it may be safe among the timid Bengalees, it would be very likely to produce much mischief here. All which the missionaries do is to teach schools, to read prayers, and preach in their churches, and to visit the houses of such persons as wish for information on religious subjects."

The following new and interesting information is to be found in the *Times* of June 17th:—

"In a letter just received, the Hongkong correspondent of the *Western Daily Mercury* says the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, as owners of the *Hoching*, have made a claim on Sir J. P. Hennessy, the Governor of the Colony, as representative of the English Government, for £24,000, the declared value of the ship and cargo lost by collision with Her Majesty's ship *Lapwing*, the avarment on the part of the claimants being that the collision was consequent upon absence of look-out and careless navigation on the part of the *Lapwing*. The Hon. E. L. O'Malley, Attorney General, demurs, and makes a counter-claim for £9,000 damage received by the *Lapwing*. The case will be argued in the Marine Court before assessors, but the unchallenged facts are that the collision occurred in broad daylight, in a calm sea, with the *Lapwing* going at six knots and the *Hoching* at ten knots, both under steam, and resulted in the *Hoching* sinking 40 minutes afterwards in 32 fathoms of water. No attempt will be made to raise her, for she lies many feet deeper than any diver on the station can descend."

The *Shanghai Mercury*, commenting on the above, remarks:—

"It is a pity that the trial is over, for the Hongkong correspondent of the west country paper ought to have been called as a witness. He seems to have known all about it. What had Sir John Pope Hennessy to do with it anyhow?"

Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Wodehouse, Esq., Police Magistrate.)

Thursday, August 11.

THE LOTTERY CASE.

The decision in this case was delivered by the Magistrate this forenoon.

Mr Wotton again appeared for the defendant.

The Magistrate said: "I thought at first of dealing with this case myself in the direction and manner which, in my own discretion I might have considered proper. After further consideration, however, I think perhaps it would be better when such large interests and questions are involved that there should be some more authoritative decision regarding the points at issue and the meaning of the language of Ord. 9 of 1876, that the mere *ipso facto* of a Magistrate, especially as in other cases that have come before the Magistrates, tickets found in ananonymously have been treated as implements of gambling, and confiscated accordingly. Moreover on referring to the different statements regarding lotteries, I have not been able to find, in the short time at my disposal, anything in them that obviously and necessarily excludes Manila lottery tickets from the operation of Ordinance No. 9 of 1876. In finding, therefore, the prisoner guilty of keeping a lottery agency, and ordering him to be fined in the sum of two hundred dollars, I also order that all tickets and other gambling implements seized be confiscated. With regard to the money which was also seized, I find in the same way he had ordered the two defendants, had not the Court, in the defence very properly proved evidence to show that the money was necessarily theirs for the purpose of the legitimate business of the firm. I think that the evidence he produced is sufficiently strong to admit of my at once authorising the monies so seized to be restored. With regard to the other things, such as the safe and the counter, since defendant represents, through his counsel, that he is put to special inconvenience by deprivation of them, I will decide to allow these also to be restored forthwith. The sentence of the Court, therefore, is that the defendant be fined in the sum of \$200, and the lottery tickets and other gambling implements, with the exceptions I have mentioned, be forfeited; in default of payment, three months' imprisonment."

Mr Wotton: "I point out that as this is his first offence the penalty should be modified."

Mr Wodehouse said that he had given his decision. In case it was intended to appeal, he would use all possible expedition in stating a case.

Mr Wotton said that in cases of appeal the facts should be properly stated.

In answer to Mr Wotton about some pro-missary notes, Captain Dean said the police would go over the articles with the defendant.

THE CHARGE OF STEALING OPIUM ON BOARD A STEAMER.

Leung Chong appeared on remand from the 9th inst., on a charge of stealing seven balls of opium, value \$110, on board the S. S. *Ichang* on the 4th inst. No further evidence was produced against the prisoner, who stated that he had not intended to plead guilty to the charge in the first instance, but that the complainant had told him that he did not do so, it would be worse for him. He did not steal it.

Mr A. J. Achin, a witness of the Man Yung-shan, where the opium was said to be purchased, was called upon to state why he should not be punished for giving false evidence, and said that he put the entry down in the book because complainant came and told him that he had lost the opium.

Defendant was discharged, and Kung Acheung was fined \$50, in default to be imprisoned for three months with hard labour for giving false evidence.

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Evidence was given by Mr Charles Osmond, a clerk in the Registrar General's office, to the effect that both complainant and prisoner were in witness' employ and lived at his house, No. 21 Elgin Street.

The box from which complainant stated that her blanket was stolen, contained other twelve blankets, two counterpanes and a woollen shawl which belonged to witness. He put the articles into the box at the beginning of the month, and had not been to the box since. On Tuesday last, the day when complainant took her blanket, and all the articles mentioned by witness were still then missing. They were worth £100, and were taken away.

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List of Public Buildings.

Government House, North of Public Gardens.

City Hall, Library (\$,000 volumes) and Museum.—Free.

Public Gardens, a beautifully picturesque retreat and of great interest.

The Clock Tower, Queen's Road Central, in a line with Pedder's Wharf.

General Post Office, Hongkong Club, German Club, Supreme Court, &c., within a stone's-throw.

Lusitano Club and Library, Shelley St. Government Offices, the Secretariat, &c., near the Public Gardens.

St. John's Cathedral (Anglican), above the Parade Ground.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Wellington Street.

Union Church, Elgin-Street.

St. Peter's Seamen's Church, West Point.

St. Joseph's (R.C.) Church, Garden Road, near Kennedy Road.

Temperance Hall, specially adapted for sea-faring men, Queen's Road East.

Sailors' Home, West Point.

E. A. and China Telegraph Co., and the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Marine House, Queen's Road.

Masonic Hall, Zetland Street.

Victorian Recreation Club—Bath-house and Boat-house, &c.—Praya, beyond the Cricket Ground, beside the City Hall.

The Barracks and Naval and Military Store Departments lie to the eastward, and cover a large area.

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Half hour, ...10 cts. | Hour, ...20 cts. Three hours, ...50 cts | Six hours, ...70 cts. Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

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Single Trip.

Four Coolies, ...\$1.00 Three Coolies, ...0.85 Two Coolies, ...0.70

Return (direct or by Pok-foo-tum).

Four Coolies, ...\$1.50 Three Coolies, ...1.20 Two Coolies, ...1.00

The Return Fare embraces a trip of not more than three hours.

For every hour or part of an hour above three hours, each Coolie will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cents.

Day Trip | Peak, ...\$0.75 each Coolie. (12 hours) | Gap, ...\$0.60 each Coolie.

Licensed Bearers (each).

Hour, ...10 cents. Half day, ...35 cents. Day, ...50 cents.

BOAT AND COOLIE BILL.

BOATS.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, ...\$3.00 1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, ...2.00

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Day, ...2.50 2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Day, ...1.75

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-ku Boat of 300 piculs, per Day, ...1.50 3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-ku Boat of 300 piculs, per Day, ...1.00

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-ku Boat of 300 piculs, per Day, ...1.00

Sampan, or Pullaway Boat, per Day, ...\$1.00 One Hour, ...20 " Half-an-Hour, ...10 "

After 6 p.m., ...10 cents extra.

Nothing in this Scale prevents private agreements.

STREET COOLIES.

Scale of Hires for Street Coolies.

One Day, ...55 cents. Half Day, ...30 " Three Hours, ...12 " One Hour, ...5 " Half Hour, ...3 "

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Local Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Book rates between any of the Post Offices in China or Japan, as well as to Macao, Patheo, Singapore, Penang, and Malacca. They must not exceed the following dimensions, 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, nor weigh more than 5 lbs. The parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement, PARCEL, CONTAINING NO LETTER, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels which are not sufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (or bandboxes, &c.) Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyestuffs, Ice, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels are sent as a general rule, for Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. The Post Office reserves the right of selecting the opportunity for transmission, and of delaying delivery in case the number of parcels is such as to retard other correspondence. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Parcel, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that is a general rule, liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of durable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—

Books and Papers— to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs. Patterns— to British Offices, 5 lbs. If with intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration require.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handsomely bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Money Order Regulations.

1. Money Orders are exchanged with the United Kingdom, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Port Darwin, the Straits Settlements, Western Australia, and (except at Shanghai) with the Japanese Empire. Hongkong also issues orders on Shanghai, and vice versa.

2. Small sums may be remitted between the other Ports by means of Postage Stamps, subject to a charge of one per cent. for cashing them.

3. Many Money Orders are supplied to residents at the smaller Ports in this way. An application for an order is filled up, and enclosed with a stamped, directed, and unsealed envelope to the Postmaster at the nearest issuing office. The application must be accompanied with the full amount (including commission) in cheque, postage stamp, or other equivalent of cash, and a little margin should be left for variations of exchange. The Postmaster issues the order, sends it on in the envelope and returns the change, if any, by first opportunity, with a receipt for the letter, if it were to be registered, as it always should be. Care should be taken to send these applications in time, as the Money Order Office closes some hours before the departure of the mail.

4. No order must exceed \$10, or \$50, include any fraction of a penny, nor will more than two such orders be issued to the same person, in favour of the same payee, by the same mail. Orders will be drawn at the current rate of the day and paid at the rate of the day when the advice arrived.

The commission is as follows:—

Orders on the United Kingdom.

Up to \$2, ...18 cents.

" " 25, ...24 "

" " 36, ...34 "

" " 50, ...52 "

Local and Intercolonial Orders.

Up to \$25 or 25 cents.

" " \$50 or \$10 ...50 "

5. Lists of Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom may be consulted at Hongkong and Shanghai.

6. Names must be given in full (except when there is more than one Chinese name) but the name of the payee need not be given if the order is crossed (as cheques are crossed). It can then be paid only through a Bank, and may afterwards be specially crossed to any Bank.

7. No order can be paid till the Payee has signed it in the proper place. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents is first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster, General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

8. If the order is not presented within six months an additional commission will be charged; if not within twelve months, the money will be forfeited. When the order is once paid no further claim can be entertained.

9. No order can be paid until the advice relative to it has been received.

10. Made out on a printed form which is supplied gratis.

11. A daily rate for drawing on the United Kingdom is in force at Shanghai.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusives of late arrivals and departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commanding at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, near the Kowloon shore B, and those in the body of the Harbour C. Shipping or midway between each shore are marked D, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works. 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office. 4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Pedder's Wharf. 6. From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier. 8. From Pier to East Point.

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